

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicants have amended claims 4-7 and 10. Accordingly, claims 4-20, 22-23, 26-43 and 45 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**2.) Allowable Subject Matter**

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the conditional allowance of claims 12-20, 22-23, 26-43 and 45.

**3.) Examiner Rejections**

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4-11 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Applicants have amended the claims 4-7 and 10 to overcome the cited rejection. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

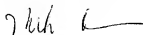
Therefore, the allowance of claims 4-11 is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 12-20, 22-23, 26-43 and 45.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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